

# Biography of Dan McAllister

San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector



Dan McAllister was elected to the Office of Treasurer-Tax Collector in November 2002 and took office in December of 2002. Since that time, he has advanced initiatives to make his office a catalyst for innovation, community outreach and diversity to serve all residents of San Diego County and improve the quality of customer service that they receive from the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office.

McAllister is responsible for collecting over \$3 billion dollars in property taxes each year. His efforts to streamline the tax collection process, implement cost-effective technologies, and cross-train customer service staff have resulted in net cost savings, improved customer service, and rigorous financial controls over the County's funds.

His overhaul of the property tax bill to create a document that is easier for taxpayers to understand and remit has been praised as an example of responsive and responsible governance.

His management of the approximately \$4.8 billion in the County's investment pool has resulted in the highest credit quality rating (AAAf/S1) from Standard & Poor's.

His commitment to diversity within the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office has resulted in a professional staff that reflects the many backgrounds and needs of San Diego County's residents, thereby enabling the Office to reach out to and assist segments of the population that have been historically underserved.

Under his leadership as the Board Chair from May 2002 to June 2005, the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA), which has assets of approximately \$6 billion, has one of the strongest performance records and best managed retirement funds in its peer group across the nation.

Through these actions and initiatives, McAllister is building a reputation as a powerful proponent for positive change in the interest of San Diego County's taxpayers.

He brings considerable financial experience to the Office of Treasurer-Tax Collector. Prior to his election, he was a successful and respected financial consultant and investment broker with a major national brokerage firm. He recently completed his term as President of the Board and continues to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the very successful San Diego Convention Center Corporation, the agency that operates the region's major convention facility that generates over \$1.5 billion annually in regional revenues.

McAllister contributes considerable time and resources to community service, such as serving as Chair of the San Diego Unified School District's Special Audit and Finance Committee and participating as a member of the board of directors of the Jackie Robinson YMCA and Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County. He is also on the board of directors of the San Diego State University Diversity and Equity Council.

A second-generation San Diegan and graduate of Mission Bay High School, he holds a Bachelor's degree (BA) from California State University, Fresno, and a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from United States International University. He has also completed executive education programs in portfolio concepts and management at Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

McAllister and his wife of 20 years, Cathy, live in Solana Beach with their two children, Katie and Patrick. He has coached youth soccer, basketball and baseball teams and served as Cub Master of his son's Cub Scout Pack. He and his family are active members of Solana Beach Presbyterian Church.